In 2010, the United Nations declared access to water and sanitation a human right. Despite this declaration, 780 million people remain without access to improved sources of drinking water and 2.5 billion are still without improved sanitation. WaSH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) problems are especially acute in rural, remote and otherwise marginalized communities (RRMs). Why is it so difficult to achieve universal coverage for access to WaSH? This panel event focuses on the “mucky middle” and how to harness it to ensure universal WaSH for national and international RRMs. The “mucky middle” is where top-down and bottom-up approaches interact. It is where transformative interaction occurs between policy and practice; public and private sectors; research and development. Panelists will bring national and international perspectives on these approaches and provide strategies for harnessing the “mucky middle” for sustainable change.

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